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Marginal Column

By NORA BELOFF

THE French strike which spread like a mid-summer forest fire has had all the ugly trappings of class war: resentment, exasperation and self-righteous indignation. Two hostile communities are glaring at each other across the social barriers, both identifying themselves with that elusive phenomenon "the people" and confusing compromise with treachery.

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BROADLY speaking it is been the old quarrel of the "haves" against the "have-nots" with the Prime Minister, himself a wealthy man, as a suitable symbol for the "haves." But, in fact, even this line has been confused, for the series of economies imposed by the Finance Minister, M. Edgar Faure, have hit important vested interests among the "haves" as well, and many French officials believe the strikes have been exploited, strike measures aided, and the Government deliberately misrepresented, by strictly non-proletarian enemies.

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THERE is no doubt the strikes and the strikers are widely hated. The sudden interruption of transport and post during holiday time has deprived millions of French families of the few days of relaxation and sunshine which compensate city dwellers for the dreariness of factory and office life. Dislocation of communications at a time when so many parents are separated from their children has imposed unbearable worry and strain. As usual, the wealthy can circumvent the inconveniences by using private cars or staying away comfortably on holiday for longer than usual. It is the less well-to-do who have been hurt by this bewildering social eruption coming at a time of year which the workers themselves had hitherto always considered inviolable.

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YET on the other side, the indignation of "we the people" has been equally voluble and all evidence suggests that the general strike, far from having been deliberately planned and timed, came from accumulated and eminently exploitable labour grievances. Starting as a defensive action by a little group of postmen in the city of Bordeaux who feared they were going to be deprived of existing pension rights, it has long since changed into a major offensive operation with workers joining forces to demand a bigger slice of the country's economic cake.

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BY modern Western standards French workers have legitimate complaints, mainly because two-thirds of the heavy national expenditure is paid for by indirect taxes which necessarily hit the poor harder than the rich. Pending tax reform, labour is now demanding more pay, which means the complete reversal of the Government's policy of freezing wages. Obviously this would also require a new Government and high among the strikers' claims is the demand that the National Assembly be recalled and the present Government thrown out.

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THE Government's biggest asset all along has been the division inside the labour force, although for the time being even this is proving a mixed blessing. The cleavage between Communists and non-Communists has been temporarily covered up by the enthusiasm of the rank and file of strikers but it is as real and important as ever. Behind the public conflict between the "haves" and "have-nots" represented by the strikers another even more bitter fight is being fought between the Communist and non-Communist organizations for leadership of the have-nots. That is why each side has been out-bidding each other in intransigence and why the strike, which M. Laniel and most of the country qualify as "absurd," nevertheless came sooner, has lasted longer and spread further than anyone expected.

Paris, August 17.

Food Rationing To End in Half Year—Bernstein

By MOSHE BRILLIANT

The end of food rationing within the next six months was forecast by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Peretz Bernstein, in the Knesset yesterday. He stated that he regretted the recent issues of new ration booklets because he hoped that "in approximately half-a-year there will be no need for them."

Asked privately later outside the Knesset whether this was a "pious wish" or on expectation, Mr. Bernstein said that he expected it to come true if the anticipated foreign exchange budget materialises.

Measures were already being taken to de-ration sweets and this would be followed by the de-rationing of fats and sugar. He added, however, that he thought meat rationing would have to be retained for some time.

Mr. Bernstein's Knesset statement was in reply to criticism of his Ministry during the final reading of the annual Ordinary Budget. He said that he was shifting the emphasis of control from physical checks on the distribution and marketing of goods to laboratory control of quality and standards.

Results Shown

The relaxation of controls, he declared, had already shown results. The abolition of the linking system under which consumers had been able to purchase jam only from specific grocers, had resulted in a marked improvement in the quality of jam, he pointed out.

"To the extent that we are able to increase decontrol and open the way to real competition among enterprises, we can hope for better quality and perhaps also for lower prices," Mr. Bernstein declared. "We are moving in that direction."

Another point of criticism by opposition speakers was that large numbers of foreign experts were being invited and their recommendations ignored. Two Cabinet members had seemingly conflicting observations.

Mr. Bernstein said: "Experts are invited and they submit memoranda. The question whether, and to what degree, their recommendations should be acted upon must be decided, naturally, by people who are not experts. That is the main difficulty. Nevertheless, it should be possible perhaps to make greater use of the advice the experts give."

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol had this to say: "An expert's advice is not Torah from Sinai,' and even the Torah can be interpreted in many ways... It doesn't matter what this or that expert says. It is important that the Government draws its conclusions."

'Advice Not Torah'

Mr. Eshkol reasoned that, particularly with regard to fiscal problems involving psychological and social factors, the recommendations of foreign advisers were not always acceptable.

Answering Dr. Benyamin Avniel (Herut) who had complained that the experts' reports were not made public, Mr. Eshkol declared: "Experts are invited and experts are not invited; some opinions are accepted and some are not accepted. That is the concern of the Government. It has the right to choose from among 20 experts only one (plan), and then it stands on its record."

After the debate, the House approved the following appropriations:

Ministry of Finance	I.L.6,185,000
" Development	226,300
" Agriculture	3,509,000
" Commerce and Industry	4,273,00
Ministry of Labour	6,226,000
" Communications	12,877,000
Ministry of Posts	13,914,400

Later, the House turned to the budgets of the Ministries of Interior, Police, Justice and Religious Affairs.

Mr. Eliezer Peri (Mapam) dealt wit the issue which had caused a coalition fissure between Mapai and the General Zionists (see below) when he attacked the Minister of Interior's policy as "bureaucratic, reactionary and anti-labour."

Mr. Peri complained of the manner in whish the Minister of Interior dictated to the Mayor of Petah Tikvah .He accused Minister, Mr. Israel Rokach, of blocking tax measures which would hurt the wealthy.

Accord on Ministers' Powers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An agreement on the administrative powers of Ministers will be presented for formal approval at an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet in Jerusalem today.

The meeting was called to solve the dispute which broke out at the Cabinet's meeting on Sunday when the differences between the Minister of Interior and some of the Local Councils (headed by Mapai majorities) were discussed.

At that meeting, Mr. Rokach threatened to resign if the dispute was not settled.

Under the new agreement, Local Councils, in all questions of local by-laws and municipal taxation, are bound by the instructions of the Minister of Interior which are issued under his legal authority.

The dispute between the Minister and the Local Councils will be discussed at a conference between them.

The agreement, which would seem to have solved what might have been a Government crisis, was reached yesterday after a three-hour conference between Mr. Moshe Sharett and Mr. Pinhas Lavon on behalf of Mapai and Mr. Yosef Saphir and Mr. Yoseph Serlin on behalf of the General Zionists.

French Socialists Spurn Gov't Bid to End Strike

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The Executive Committee of the Socialist trade union group, Force Ouvriere, today rejected Government proposals to end the strike of French workers, and decided to send a letter to Premier Joseph Laniel restating their terms.

A spokesman for the group said, after a three-hour meeting of a Force Ouvriere delegation and the Government, that the rail strike would continue.

Later, in a surprise radio adddress tonight, M. Laniel called on the strikers to return to work tomorrow. He stated that the Government had given proof of its good will and the "desire to have all classes of the population participate in the job of reconstruction."

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee of the Force Ouvriere concluded its almost unbroken session of 48 hours, and a delegation went out for meetings with leaders of the Catholic trade union federation.

Communist leaders, still keeping in the background, are expected to try to bring increasing sectors of private industry into the strike movement. If they succeed in assuming leadership of the strikes, the situation would become much more serious.

Strike Situation

The strike situation was difficult to assess as Monday is a holiday in many branches of industry, and a number of private factories have not yet reopened after the summer vacations. No new strike calls were launched during the day, and the printers, whose 24-hour stoppage has left France without newspapers, were due to return to work tonight.

In other sectors, this was the strike situation:

Railways—seventh day of unlimited strikes, no change; mines—sixth day of unlimited strike, no change; gas and electricity—seventh day of unlimited strike, no change; post office—12th day of unlimited strike, improvement in mail services but worsening in long-distance telephone communications; public transport—sixth day of walk-out by Paris bus and underground train men, improvement in train services; printers—24-hour stoppage ends at midnight tonight; dockers—5,000 out in Le Havre; private industry—metal, steel, building, chemical and textile workers out in many parts of France.

Italian 'Stop Gap' Gov't Sworn In

ROME, Monday (Reuter). — President Luigi Einaudi today swore in Italy's new "stop gap" Government formed on Saturday and intended to last for about three months.

The new Premier, Sgr. Giuseppe Pella, who is also Foreign Minister and Minister of the Budget, will present the Government to Parliament on Wednesday. Indications today were that only the Communists and left-wing Socialists would vote against it.

The abstention of monarchists and neo-Fascists appeared to guarantee him a vote of confidence.

Meanwhile, the new Premier emphasized to reporters that his Government was not intended to be political. He hoped that it would give the political parties time to work out an agreement allowing the formation of a stable Government majority.

Man Murdered In Migdal Ascalon

REHOVOT, Monday. — The owner of a restaurant in Migdal Ascalon, Yeshayahu Frankman, 52, was murdered, and his 25-year-old daughter Zipporа was severely wounded, when unknown persons opened automatic fire on them at 11.25 last night.

The victim and his daughter and son, were returning home through an unlit lane when two men suddenly confronted them with the cry of "hands up" and immediately opened fire. The son, Zeev, managed to escape unharmed.

Frankman's body was brought to the Tel Hashomer Hospital, while his daughter was moved to the Kaplan Hospital here.

Police, who set out with tracking dogs immediately after the incident, suspect marauders.

FRONTIER GUARD UNITS GRADUATED

HAIFA, Monday. — The first companies of the newly formed Frontier Guard, today held their passing-out parade at the Shfar Am Police Training Base, in the presence of President Ben-Zvi, Police Minister Shitreet; the Inspector General of Police Sahar, and senior police officers.

The men had received months of intensive training in combating infiltrators.

"The entire nation will be watching you, and every one of you has a duty towards the nation. I am sure you will acquit yourselves with pride and valour," the President told the guards.

U.N. Session On Korea Opens

UNITED NATIONS, Monday. — The General Assembly began its task of setting up the Far Eastern Political Conference in a seven-minute session today during which it convened its 60-nation Political Committee to handle the preliminary debate.

The Political Committee, under the chairmanship of Brazil's Dr. Joao Carlos Muniz, will meet tomorrow morning.

The only business transacted was the reading of a formal statement by its President, Mr. Lester Pearson, of Canada, who stated that the best tribute the Assembly could pay to the men who fell in Korea in resisting aggression was "to convert, by our efforts, the Armistice which they have made possible into a peace which will be worthy of their sacrifices and those of the Korean people."

"We are not here, as I understand it, to discuss the substance of the peace settlement in Korea, but to provide for the U.N. machinery to bring about that settlement which the Armistice Agreement has made possible."

He suggested that the Political Committee meet tomorrow to consider the resolutions submitted providing for participation of countries in the Conference.

No Objection

Delegates looked at Chief Soviet delegate Andrei Vyshinsky to see whether he would seek to raise the issue of Chinese representation. But Mr. Vyshinsky sat quietly in his seat. Mr. Pearson, hearing no objection, formally adjourned the session.

Mr. Pearson also mentioned the "tragic events which have brought great suffering to the people of Greece" and asked the Greek representative to convey th Assembly's sympathy to the victims of the disaster.

Britain and the U.S. last night agreed on a formula about Soviet participation in the political conference. Following a meeting of the 16 powers with troops in Korea, it was stated that both countries would support a resolution sponsored by Australia and New Zealand which would be presented to the General Assembly, recommending that the Soviet Union take part in the conference "provided the other side (Communists) desires it."

Australian and New Zealand sources both explained that they had decided to sponsor the resolution solely with the intention of overcoming the differences between Britain and the U.S. which had arisen on the issue.

Another resolution will be put before the Assembly, sponsored by Britain, New Zealand, Canada and Australia, recommending that India participate in the conference.

India to Join Talks Only If All Consent

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nehru said today that India has no desire to seek a place in the political conference on Korea unless it is clear that she can perform a useful function in the interest of peace and unless the major parties desire her assistance.

He told the House of the People that the first batch of Indian troops to guard unrepatriated Korean war prisoners would leave Madras tomorrow by sea. India was sending a total of 5,000 troops and Red Cross workers to Korea.

Mr. Nehru stated that the Indian party for Korea had completed talks with the U.N. Command and the Chinese and North Korean Commands. These had been "in every way satisfactory."

He declared that the conclusion of an armistice had been a great event, but that the future was full of difficulty. "Unfortunately, there have been indications recently that this will to peace is not always in evidence and even threats have been held out. One party has stated that unless its demands are acceded to within the stated time, it reserves its right to resume military operations.

"Agreements have been made and assurances given which have not been made fully public, and we do not know how far they might hinder the full discussion of this problem in a political conference."

RECEPTION FOR FOREIGN MINISTRY IN JLEM

Mr. Shlomo Arazi, head of the Hakirya Bureau, gave a reception at his home in Jerusalem last night in honour of Mr. Moshe Sharett and high Foreign Ministry officials on the occasion of the transfer of the Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem.

Minister of Labour Golda Meyerson, Minister of Communications Yoseph Saphir, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs Yosef Burg, the Directors-General of Government Ministries and other guests attended the reception.

Regency Council Will Rule Persia In Shah's Absence

TEHERAN, Monday (UP). — Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi said today that the Mossadegh Government is setting up a Regency Council to take over the duties of the Shah, who fled to Iraq yesterday.

At the same time, Fatemi stated that the Shah's Court Minister had written a letter blaming yesterday's abortive attempt to overthrow Premier Mossadegh squarely on the Shah.

Mossadegh's Foreign Minister, who was briefly arrested early yesterday when the Shah's Imperial Guard launched an abortive coup, said that the Government had no intention of forming a republic. The Regency Council has not been completed, but it will not include any member of the Royal family, he added.

Shah Reported Leaving For Italy Shortly

The Shah is to leave Baghdad within two days to take up residence in Italy, ANA reported yesterday. He received Iraqi Premier Jamil Madfa'i yesterday and is to visit the Shia holy places in southern Iraq today.

Fatemi stated that the Iranian Embassy in Iraq had sent a note to the Baghdad Government that in view of the Shah's presence in Baghdad, both nations should "watch the situation closely so that there will be no untoward occurrences affecting the two nations."

(Reports from Baghdad quoting well-informed sources announced that the Shah will not return to Teheran unless Mossadegh obeys his order appointing Major-General Fasulla Zahedi as Prime Minister. It said that the Shah has not abdicated and does not intend to do so, but is remaining in Iraq with his wife as guests of the Government.

(These sources added that Zahedi, who had won the Shah's confidence in his loyalty, had not staged a coup but had conveyed the Shah's orders dismissing Mossadegh four days ago).

Fatemi denied that the Government has any intention of closing down U.S. Point Four establishments, as demanded by left-wing

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Situation in Stricken Isles 'Well in Hand'

ATHENS, Monday. — Vice-Admiral John Cassady, Commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, told Premier Alexander Papagos today that the emergency period of the Ionian islands earthquake disaster has been passed successfully and that the Fleet has begun to withdraw.

Admiral Cassady told Mr. Papagos that conditions are "now well in hand." But added, "when I say the emergency period has passed, I do not mean that the problems are still not grave ones. Much remains to be done, and the Greek nation is certainly faced with heavy tasks of care and reconstruction in the weeks and months to come."

He assured the Premier that there were now adequate stocks of food and water on the islands, and that supplies landed by the Greek Government and Allied forces constitute more food reserves than the islands have ever had before in their history. American ships alone put ashore nearly $500,000 worth of food.

Adm. Cassady said that the work of the Israel frigates, now on their way home, was "worthy of the highest commendation," and praised the "tremendous contribution" of the British Navy.

Orders to shoot on the spot anyone caught looting in the earthquake-stricken Ionian islands, were issued here today by the military governor for the distressed areas.

TERRORIST VERDICT DUE ON SUNDAY

Judgement in the case of the persons charged with membership in an illegal terrorist organization will be given next Sunday, the Military Court in Sarafand has announced.

Soviet Plan for Germany To Delay Settlement, US Says

Washington Will Consult Allies

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — The State Department said today that the latest Soviet proposals on Germany would apparently delay until next year the proposed four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting on German problems, and also step up obstacles to the holding of free all-German elections.

The Department stated, "This Soviet note, like its predecessor of August 4, was addressed not only to the U.S. but also to the French and British, and we shall of course continue the consultations with our Allies which were initiated after the August 4 note.

"In the meantime, we have only two observations to make on this Soviet note.

"The first is that while on July 15 we put to the Soviet a concrete proposal for a four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting this autumn, the latest Soviet note seems to put off any kind of meeting until sometime next year.

Elections Provision

"The second point of interest in the note is that it sets up an obstacle to the holding of all-German free elections by insisting that such elections be subordinated to the establishment of a German Provisional Government in which the East German regime (discredited in the eyes of all the world particularly by the events since June 17) would be placed on an equal political and moral level with the German Federal Republic in which really free elections are shortly to be held."

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said today that the Western answer to the Soviet note should be to call for a four-power conference with the Soviet Union without more ado. The Chancellor stated that it was a transparent manoeuvre for the Soviet Union to have left unanswered the Western note on Germany of September 23, 1952.

In Paris, sources close to the Foreign Ministry declared that it offered "little that was new."

Russia Asks Talks in Six Months

BERLIN, Monday (Reuter). — Russia has proposed a peace conference on Germany within the next six months. In a note to the three Western powers yesterday she called for all affected parties, including German delegates, to attend the conference.

She proposed that in the meantime a provisional all-German government should be formed and free all-German elections be carried out.

The note said the all-German government should be formed by delegates from both East and West German Parliaments and should, by direct agreement, take the place of the existing separate Governments.

At the same time Russia invited an East German Government delegation to visit Moscow on August 24 to discuss "important questions" concerning the two countries, according to the East German news agency ADN.

The Russian note listed a number of tasks facing the proposed provisional government. It said it should "tackle such questions as the representation of Germany in preparatory work for a peace treaty and in international organizations. It should also ensure that Germany did not take part in coalitions and military alliances "directed against any state which participated with its armed forces in the war against Hitlerite Germany."

Party Activities

It said the government should secure the free activities of democratic parties and organizations and refuse admission to "fascist, militarist and other organizations which are hostile to the cause of maintaining peace."

The Soviet Union also considered it necessary to limit expenses connected with stationing the troops of Big Four powers on German territory, and to limit the total expenses for maintaining occupation troops to five per cent of the annual revenue of the East and West German states. Russia also proposed the cancellation of German debts contracted since 1945 except those made in trade agreements, and that Germany cease making reparations payments on January 1 1954.

The note said inter-Allied understanding on the German question and an early decision on the Soviet proposals would serve to reduce international tension and strengthen world peace and international security.

Outside Pressure

Regarding the proposed elections, the note proposed that the provisional government prepare a draft for an all-German electoral law guaranteeing "the truly democratic character of the all-German elections as well as the participation of all democratic organizations in the elections and the non-admission of pressure by big monopolies."

After condemning the Allied proposal for an international inquiry whether conditions in both parts of Germany made genuinely free elections possible, the Soviet Government declared this must be left entirely to the provisional all-German government.

"At the same time," it continued, "the Soviet Government considers necessary that the Governments of France, America, Britain and the Soviet Union take measures to carry out all-German elections in genuine freedom which would exclude even the slightest pressure from foreign states."

West Asks USSR To Austria Talks Aug. 31

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The U.S., Britain and France today proposed, in identical notes to the Soviet Union, that deputies of their Foreign Ministers meet in London on August 31 to discuss the conclusion of an Austrian treaty.

The Western Powers told Russia that they are prepared to withdraw the abbreviated treaty opposed by the Soviet Union on condition that Moscow does not raise any "extraneous issues," and that it is prepared to conclude a covenant for Austria which will ensure her political and economic independence.

The notes added that the West's readiness to forgo the agreement opposed by the USSR was also on the assumption that the conclusion of the Austrian treaty would not be made dependent on a prior German settlement.

Delivered in Moscow today, they were in reply to Russia's note of July 30, in which the Kremlin made resumption of the Austrian talks dependent on the withdrawal of the abbreviated treaty.

Informal Suez Talks Postponed by Egypt

CAIRO, Monday (Reuter). — Egyptian leaders have asked that the informal meeting with the British delegation to discuss the Suez Canal question over dinner tonight be postponed, according to Egyptian Foreign Ministry sources.

The reason given for the postponement is that President Nagib, National Guidance Minister Salah Salem and two other members of the Revolutionary Council are leaving by air tomorrow morning for a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

Arab-Israel Relations On Envoys' Agenda

By The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent

Arab-Israel relations in the international arena and in Israel's relations with the Western Powers are expected to be two of the main topics at a conference of Israel diplomats in Western Europe, to open in Paris next week, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

Well informed sources do not attach special importance to the conference. But they point out that the diplomats will take advantage of the presence of the Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Abba Eban, en route to Israel for consultations, for talks on various current problems.

It was reported that the Paris conference will be attended by Mr. Eliahu Elath, Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Eliahu Sasson, Minister to Italy; Mr. Shmuel Divon, Charge d'Affaires in Paris; Mr. Gideon Rafael, who is returning from the U.N. to take up a new post in Israel; Mr. Reuven Shiloah, new Minister to Washington, and Mr. Mordechai Kidron, newly assigned to the U.N. delegation.

U.S. Ready to Help Mid-East 'Where Invited'—Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Monday (UP). — President Eisenhower said today that the U.S. will not "interfere" where it is not wanted in the Middle East. He stated that American good offices are available only to "interested parties." This was contained in a written report to Congress on Mutual Security Programme operations abroad during the first half of 1953.

Noting that the Near East is in a ferment, Mr. Eisenhower said, "There is bitter feeling between the Arab nations and Israel. The Arab people feel that Israel will expand to threaten their interests and territories. The Israelis feel that the Arabs may try to clamp a military vice on their country and ultimately squeeze it out of existence. Animosities are further intensified by the Arab refugee problem."

The Governments of the Near East "are beset by serious economic difficulties and buffeted by ever-recurring domestic crises," he said. "Insecure in their position and struggling to consolidate their power, these Governments suspect the intentions both of one another and of the outside Western world."

"There is the Anglo-Iranian controversy over oil. Iran's economy totters while Great Britain has used hundreds of millions of dollars worth of its hard currencies to purchase its oil requirements elsewhere.

"There is the tense situation between Britain and Egypt with regard to control of the Suez Canal Zone.

"In all these disputes, so filled with high emotion and incendiary nationalism, the U.S. is avoiding any unwanted interference. We have been ready at all times, however, to aid in finding peaceful solutions, and our good offices have always been available to interested parties," he stated.

Defense Success

Mr. Eisenhower felt that the technical and economic assistance propects in the Middle East, individually not of great magnitude, collectively "are pushing the clock centuries ahead."

"From the standpoint of defensive strength in the entire region, the Mutual Security Programme has achieved substantial success."

This lies in the "greatly strengthened position of Greece and Turkey. Turkey is in a strong flank position to protect the road to the oil of the Persian Gulf."

The President noted that its success was only partial, as, although the area is still free of actual Soviet occupation, it cannot by any means be considered safe for the free world."

He said that aid to the free world must be planned on a long-term basis.

There has been no evidence that the Russian threat to the security of the free world has diminished, "nor can we predict a date on which this threat may reach maximum proportions," he continued.

Mr. Eisenhower added that aid alone cannot do the job required to bring the U.S. and her Allies to full defensive strength.

Unity within Europe, expanding world trade and wider use of private investment capital, he said, are essential to long-range success.

Approach Seen More Careful Than Dulles

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

President Eisenhower's references to the Middle East, and specifically to Israel-Arab relations in his general survey of the world situation, indicate the preoccupation of the American Government with this area. The President's references to the Middle East doubtless will be carefully studied by the Government when a full report is received here.

At first glance, Mr. Eisenhower's comments appear to be more cautious than those of his Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, in his radio address at the beginning of June.

Although the President, in his offer to help "interested parties in search of peaceful solutions" to Middle Eastern problems, may have had in mind the present Anglo-Egyptian dispute, it must be assumed that America's good offices would also be available to bring about a peaceful solution of Israel-Arab differences.

Israel View

It has been the Israel Government's view that such solutions were being hindered by American plans to provide military aid to the Arab States.

The President referred to a situation having developed in which "Israel feels that the Arabs may try to clamp a military vice on the country." It is the Israel view that military aid to the Arabs encourages their tendency to "clamp a military vice" on Israel and aggravates the regional instability to which he draws attention.

It is noted that Mr. Eisenhower refers to the refugee problem as having intensified existing animosities. It will be recalled that Mr. Dulles, in his report of his Middle East tour, suggested that "some of the Arab refugees could be settled in the area now controlled by Israel."

The President makes no such unrealistic proposal, and it may be hoped that the Secretary of State's hasty opinion on what is needed to provide stability in this area has given way to more considered judgment.

Formosa Blockade Of Hong Kong Charged

HONG KONG, Monday (UP).— A Danish shipping official today accused Nationalist Chinese of embarking on a blockade of Hong Kong.

Mr. U. H. Jebsen, of Jebsen and Company, whose vessel, the s.s. Heinrich Jessen, was intercepted a week ago and taken to a Nationalist port, declared that all the cargo had been non-strategic and fully covered by export licences issued by the Hong Kong Government.

He said he hoped that arrangements could be made for British warships to aid Danish ships in the future. He added that the Danish Government was asking the British to intervene, and that if any cargo was confiscated, he anticipated that Hong Kong would take legal action.

Earlier today, the British warship St. Brides Bay drove off a Nationalist warship that had taken a British freighter, the s.s. Nigelock, under escort, a Hong Kong Government spokesman revealed.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Edgar Sanders, British businessman imprisoned in Hungary on espionage charges, has been pardoned by the Hungarian authorities, Budapest Radio said last night.

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Social & Personal

President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, accompanied by Minister of Police, Bechor Shitreet, yesterday visited the archaeological sites at Bet Shearim.

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The Prime Minister and Mrs. Ben Gurion visited the team of the Construction Aggregates Corporation working on the Hulah drainage project on Sunday.

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Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Minister to Washington, left by El Al yesterday for Europe on his way to the U.S. to take up his post.

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Dr. M. Prywes, Assistant Dean of the Hebrew University — Hadassah Medical School, has left for London to represent the School in the first World Congress on Medical Education which will open there next Monday. Dr. A.L. Olitzki, Professor of Bacteriology at the School, has been invited to represent the Government at the Sixth International Congress for Microbiology, which will open in Rome on September 6.

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Mr. James S. Plaut, Director of the Boston Museum of Contemporary Art, arrived by T.W.A. yesterday for a three-week stay as adviser on industrial design to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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Mr. Peter Krindler, one of the executives of the "21" Club in New York, is on a visit to Israel with Mrs. Krindler.

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Mr. Isaac Feigenbaum, head of the 90-man American and Canadian Histadrut delegation which left the country recently, returned to the U.S. by El Al yesterday.

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The French film, "Monsieur Vincent," will be shown at 8.30 this evening at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, under the patronage of M. de la Sabliere, French Consul General in Jerusalem. The film is provided by courtesy of the Centre de Culture Francaise, Jerusalem.

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BIRTH

SIMONS — To Vida (nee Corcos) wife of Fred Simons, Kfar Mordechai, at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv, a daughter.

Reception For Visiting Religious Teachers

A reception for a group of overseas rabbis and religious educationalists was tendered yesterday by the Jewish Agency's Department of Religious Education in the Diaspora. The Assembly, held in the Keren Hayesod auditorium in Jerusalem, heard addresses by Mr. Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, Dr. Z. Warhaftig, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Y. Vainstein, Director of the Department, and Professor S. K. Mirsky, of Yeshiva University, New York.

The visitors are here to attend a conference on education based on the Torah.

All the speakers stressed the need for closer ties between Israel and the Diaspora and for improving religious education here and abroad.

The group was received during the day by Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Posts.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Ballet:—**
Klara Landau-Bondy: Cafe Talpiot: 9 p.m.

★ **Archaeology: —**
Permanent exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 28 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 4-6.

★ **Exhibitions: —**
Recent paintings by Maurice Darbois, Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7.
Luristan bas-relief, 12th century B.C., (Mr. Harry Philippe' collection): 22 Oil canvases of O. Shabbat, "The Art of China and Japan." Bezalel National Museum: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-6 p.m.

★ **Film Shows: —**
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

TEL AVIV

★ **Concerts: —**
Gadna Symphony Orchestra, Z.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m. Daniel Barenboim, soloist.

★ **Exhibitions: —**
"Graphic Art in Israel," "Masks of Primitive Nations," "Arts and Crafts of the Far East," American Designs, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.

Review of Yesterday's Press

ISRAEL TEACHERS HAILED FOR PIONEERING WORK

Welcoming the fact that the Teachers' Association (now celebrating its 50th anniversary) has become a member of the Histadrut, "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) praises it both for its achievement in keeping alive Hebrew and Hebrew literature among successive generations, and for collaborating with Arab teachers, particularly as the Teachers' Association was the first trade union to do so other than the Railway Workers' Union. The paper stresses the pioneering efforts of the teachers in a period when the main struggle was directed against assimilationists who wanted to give preference to French, German etc., as the languages to be used in our schools. "Al Hamishmar" argues that the State Education Law affects adversely not only the workers' "trend" but also has a detrimental effect on the position of teachers, who may now be dismissed without receiving indemnity or even prior notice.

"Herut" extends its greetings to the teachers on the occasion of their jubilee and says that their main task is to give youth new ideals and a faith distinct from the official Zionism of the ruling parties. The paper hopes that the achievements and spirit of the past may yet bring about a new lease of life to Hebrew education.

Tasks for Future

"Davar" (Histadrut) maintains that much has yet to be done before Hebrew will become more than our official language, mainly among the new immigrants. The paper views with concern the growth of the non-Hebrew press and says that the publication of foreign language newspapers has become a source of easy income for enterprising people, who, with a skeleton staff, copy news and features from the Hebrew press. The paper demands that the Journalists' Association should make a full investigation of the non-Hebrew press, stop parasitic growths and insist upon union rates and working conditions for the employees of these papers.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) and "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) comment on the situation in the Far East and in the U.N. Assembly. The former says that receiving Communist China into the U.N. would be tantamount to applauding aggression. The paper expresses apprehension that Israel's foreign policy is being guided by the decisions of the Rangoon Conference of the Asian Socialist parties (which demanded that Communist China should be made a member of the U.N.) and says that it would be better to abstain from voting.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) which sharply condemned the Indian proposal for an armistice in Korea half a year ago as an "imperialist intrigue," now admits, following the change in Soviet policy, that it was mistaken: "India has made a most important contribution to the signing of the armistice in Korea" and Israel should therefore insist on Indian participation in the coming Peace Conference.

Irritant to Americans

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) comments on the attitude of American Jewry towards Israel following the reaction provoked by an "incautious remark" by Dr. Goldmann at the General Conference of the World Jewish Congress. The paper says that the traditional Zionist demand that every Jew should consider Israel as his homeland, will be largely ineffectual vis-a-vis America and will only irritate many American Jews. On the other hand, Israel cannot and should not cease hoping that as many American Jews as possible will come to this country to settle down. The paper reaches the conclusion that a satisfactory solution and definition have not yet been found, and meanwhile a less vociferous approach would probably be beneficial.

Mr. Aharon Barth, in an article in "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union), criticizes the Chief Rabbinate for entering party politics, and says that this body's intervention in ephemeral debates will only lower its prestige: as circumstances change too frequently to deliver an authoritative opinion and decisions demand intimate political knowledge, there is no reason to assume that the Rabbis know more than other human beings about this subject. Whether to adhere to the Coalition or join the Opposition at any particular moment is a tactical political issue which should not be the concern of the Rabbinate.

AT THE CINEMA

THE late Franz Werfel created a marvellous adaptation of "La Forza del Destino" for a revival of this wonderful musical drama. Unfortunately the same cannot be said about Carmine Gallone's screen version (Eden, J'lem). It is simply recorded and photographed theatre at its worst; there are no signs of modern stage or screen-direction. The vocal parts are sung by a splendid cast, including Nelly Corradi; Tito Gobbi; Gino Sinimberghi; Giulio Neri; and in the silent part of the Moor Scudieri John ("Vivere in Pace") Kitzmiller. The orchestra and choirs of the Rome Opera participate.

Eastern Folklore

LEONID Soloviev's "The Adventures of Nasr A-Din" (Or-Gil, J'lem), a Soviet production, — is a delightful fantasy in "The Thief of Baghdad" style. Characters and atmosphere are incomparably more authentic than in some pseudo-Oriental Hollywood extravaganzas. We decidedly prefer this picture to another recently exhibited Soviet film, "Music Festival," which looked as though it had been pasted together from the remnants of "Grand Concert," which provoked such stormy applause not only in this country, but also in New York and Paris.

FRANGO

Romance Under Water

"THE Sea Hornet" (Orion, J'lem) is a highly technical diver's romance with extremely poor underwater photography. Rod Cameron is more convincing as a pugilist than as a lover, while the female leads in this "Republic" production are probably the producer's friends or relations. As so often in this class of film, the secondary characters are far better than the stars, but still not good enough to prevent the evening from being a waste of time.

Th. F. M.

Coronation Splendour

THE premiere of "A Queen Is Crowned," ("Esther," Tel Aviv), a full length Coronation feature released by Sunfilm, Tel Aviv, and presented by the J. Arthur Rank Organization, was held in the Esther Cinema last night under the patronage of Sir Francis Evans, British Ambassador to Israel, Mr. Osmond Charles William Fuhrman, Australian Minister, and members of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps.

Filmed in resplendent Technicolor, the screen affords a splendid view of the White Cliffs of Dover, followed later by Britain's peaceful golden meadows, accompanied by the dramatic voice of Sir Laurence Olivier, magnificent pageantry, displayed by the Queen's guards at the procession from Buckingham Palace and breathtaking decorations along London's streets.

The Coronation in Westminster Abbey was filmed in detail.

GINA BERSHADSKY

Psychology in Prison

The reminiscences of the prison psychologist who succeeded in gaining the convicts' trust was a best seller; it has now been adapted to cinema in "My Six Convicts" (Amphitheatre, Haifa). The State decides to introduce psychologists into prisons. The warden is sceptical, the inmates derisive. The trouble with the film is that events spread over a whole year have to be compressed into 90 minutes; thus the convicts' reformed attitude to the new sort of doctor and the winning of their confidence is too sudden.

This apart, Stanley Kramer and Hugo Fregonese (the latter the director) have made between them a fictional documentary which, on a uniform tenor, tells an interesting story at a capable technical level. In certain scenes it catches the prison atmosphere; the tense concentration of idle virility on the eve of revolt, the impression of a life which the staff never penetrates and the creation of male comradeship under abnormal conditions. I thought the psychologist-hero miscast. The six convicts played as a polished team of actors.

H.

THE NUMBER OF agricultural school graduates this year was 220, Mr. M. Shur, Supervisor of Agricultural Education in the Ministry of Agriculture, announced yesterday.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 41.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 1.15 & 6.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Programme for Hospitals. 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.45 Songs (R). 5.20 Agricultural Programme. 5.30 Language Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 The Voice of Martha Angelici (R). 7.25 Sports. 7.40 Noah's Ark. 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Newsreel. 9.00 "Claudio Arrau Plays": Fantasy in D minor (Mozart); Sonata in D minor (Beethoven); "Carnaval in Vienna" (Schumann); "Pavane" (Ravel); Works by Hanoch Jacobi (R). 10.30 Requests (R). 11.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

469, 229, 216, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.45 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 5.20 Literature Corner. 6.00 Programme for Housewives. 6.15 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 34.9 & 450 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino, 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.3 M.): 11.15-12 Midnight: Newsreel; Israel Folk Songs. The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 235 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Bow and Arrow." 7.00 Musical Diary. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Light Music (R). 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.30 News. 8.40 Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (34.92 & 19.91 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m.: News; Jewish Affairs; Book Review.

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Bartok — Rumanian Folk Dance Suite
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Hebrew Language Teaching Expanded

Despite considerable budgetary cuts, the Department for Adult Hebrew Teaching of the Ministry of Education intends to strengthen its activities next year, the newly-appointed department head, Mr. Y. Shaked, told a conference of teaching personnel in Jerusalem recently.

The department will increase its support of locally maintained language classes, while lessening those supported directly by the Ministry. Classes with less than 15 pupils will be disbanded, and the number of teaching hours at Ulpanim will be reduced.

Part of the administrative staff, Mr. Shaked said, will have to teach too, and Hebrew instruction at night-schools will be confined to elementary school teachers. No full-time staff will be employed.

This decision conflicts with the stand of the Teachers' Union on overtime. The Histadrut recently declared that it would combat unemployment among teachers by forbidding overtime. The Ulpan instructors themselves are not satisfied with this move away from specialization, and contend that language teaching demands qualifications not held by the general teacher.

A standard text-book for the Hebrew classes would be published in time for next term, to replace the diverse texts now in use. Specially written for beginners, the volume also contains teaching notes.

Hebrew University To Teach German

From next term, courses in the German language will be offered at the Hebrew University, it has been announced.

The decision to add German to the language curriculum was made about six months ago by the Executive Council of the University on the request of students who claim that a knowledge of the language is vital in several subjects, especially Jewish studies.

The new courses will not be compulsory, nor will they be a "major."

J'lem Cinema Employees Threaten Strike

Jerusalem film-fans face a gloomy interlude, unless a settlement is reached today between cinema employees and owners in the Capital, a Labour Council spokesman informs *The Jerusalem Post*.

The 60 cinema ushers, projectionists and cleaners are pressing for better social conditions. They threatened to strike unless the owners meet their demands for longer paid holidays, convalescence and other welfare benefits in accordance with conditions prevailing outside Jerusalem.

AYANOT GRADUATES JOIN SETTLEMENTS

The first group of 24 students has completed a four-year agricultural course at the Wizo secondary school at Ayanot, near Ness Ziona, this week.

The majority will join the moshav shitufi Moledet and kibbutz Nahlat Oz near the southwest border.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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'Century' Miler

Pirie in Training. Express Photo

Long distance Great Britain runner, Gordon Pirie, six-mile world record breaker, edged out America's Wes Santee in the ballahooed "Mile of the Century" at the White City Stadium (London) on Saturday before a wildly roaring 40,000 crowd.

The 22-year-old Surrey bank clerk timed four minutes 6.8 seconds as he outsprinted Santee in the home stretch to win the first running of the International Invitation Emsley Carr mile event, by three yards.

Britain's Bill Nankeville and Chris Chattaway were the only other finishers in the six-man race that had been advertised as an attempt to shatter the four-minute mile mark. Ingvar Eriksson (Sweden) was disqualified for a rule infringement and Olfa Lawrenz (Germany) dropped out in the last lap.

Pirie astounded onlookers with a 58.4 seconds last quarter. Santee, tali Kansan, who two nights earlier ran a 1:48.3 minute 800 metre race in Norway, said the U.S. team had been "running too often on this European tour."

Americans won 10 of the 15 events in which they appeared. Joe Schatzle, of Manhattan College, was the only double winner. He took the 100 and 220 yard dashes in 10 seconds flat and 21.8. He also ran on the winning one mile medley relay team.

Belgium's Frank Herman gave the huge crowd a thrill by letting loose a sprinters finish for the last 300 yards of his victorious three-mile run. *(AP)*

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Local Sports Round-up

T.A.-Belgrade Boxing Tomorrow

BY AKIVA KALMAN

The twice-postponed boxing tournament between Tel Aviv Selected and Belgrade Selected teams is due to take place at the same venue, Jaffa Hapoel ground—floodlit for the occasion—tomorrow Wednesday.

The postponement from last Saturday was caused by delays to booked train transport because of the French strike, which prevented the Yugoslavs from arriving in time for their El Al connection in Athens.

The Israel set-up which, despite the Tel Aviv Selected label, contains five Haifarians and one Safad "pug," finished their seven-day final training at Ramat Gan last week under Michael Freitag, and it is hoped that the actual meeting between the two teams will produce a show to make up to the long-patient fans for the long wait.

Tickets purchased for the original date are available for the tournament. A commentary will be broadcast over Kol Yisrael by Nehamia Ben Avraham at 10.10 p.m.

The line-ups for the fights are expected to be: Flyweight: *Miyodar Mihovitch (Bel)* vs. *Naftalie Pifko (T.A. Macc.)*; Bantam: *Georg Pipitch (B)* vs. *Philip Finklestein (H'fa Hap)*; Feather: *Libusha Georgievitch (B)* vs. *David Oved (H'fa Macc)*; Light: *Ilya Lubitch (B)* vs. *Avraham Ben Haim (H'fa Hap)*; Lightwelter: *Georgia Nikolitch (B)* vs. *George Klein (Safad Hap)*; Welter: *Tuma Haladin (B)* vs. *Haim Weissfish (H'fa Macc)*; Light-middle: *Frederik Juvitch (B)* vs. *Asher Birenblum (T.A. Betar)*; Middle: *Peter Milosevitch (B)* vs. *Haim Nassa (T.A. Hap)*; Light-heavy: *Bushko Nikolitch (B)* vs. *Iftah Zeid (H'fa Hap)*; Heavy: *Dragisa Susitch (B)* vs. *Eliezer Negrov (T.A. Macc)*.

Tour Sports

Jerusalem Hapoel pulled off a close 4-3 win over Sha'arayim Maccabi in Rehovot in a soccer match on Saturday, after the sides had finished at two-all at the interval. Home side Kiryat Bialik Tennis Club beat visitors Natanya Tennis Club 4-1 in an Israel Tennis League fixture the same day.

Brith Maccabim Atid athletes were also busy in two other sports over the week-end. Their youth (b. 1938) basketball team gained the A. Mikolinski Memorial Cup by defeating Petah Tikva Maccabi, 27-20 in the final in Jerusalem. The B.M.A. hockey team continued their successes in this sport by holding the strong Indian team from the covette "Tir" to a 3-3 draw. This followed an earlier meeting between the two which resulted in a goalless draw.

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Jerusalem Hapoel Edges Maccabi in Soccer

Ye'av Ra'anan, Israel's diving champion and Olympic representative, a member of Brith Maccabim Atid, gained new laurels when appearing during the Italian Diving Championships in Rome. Mario Lamberto gained the title, open only to Italian participants, with a total of 146.18 points. Ra'anan exceeded this tally easily by totalling 153.29.

A "commencing" record was set at the Hapoel National Swimming Championships semi-finals at Ra'anana over the week-end. Over 150 swimmers took part in the contest for Hapoel teams from the Southern areas. The Gan Shmuel youth team were responsible for the new "high" when they covered the 4 x 100 metre mixed relay in six minutes 4.8 seconds.

Among other outstanding efforts were: the 100m. breaststroke time of 1:43.4 minutes set by A. Cohen, Petah Tikva, in the men's events; and the 1:07.4 minutes taken by youth Yoham Mandlebaum, Gvat Haim, in the 100 m. freestyle.

Long-standing leading performer Emil Farkash, after a tough battle with clubmate and newcomer Era Sirin, of B.M.A., gained the Israel Maccabi gymnastics-on-apparatus championship following a two-day competition in Tel Aviv. It was only in the final event of the 12 that Farkash pulled away to total 97.3 points, with Sirin holding 96.7. Another B.M.A. man, Har Sinai, was third with 85 points.

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Notice to the Public

TO CANDIDATES FOR SHIKUN AMAMI

The Popular Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour wishes to inform all candidates for Stage A of the project that within one month from this date notification will be sent regarding the final price of the dwellings and of arrangements for signing contracts.

Special notices will also be sent to all candidates for Stage B of the project, (this includes all persons not registered for Stage A), regarding the date of commencement of building and the final price of the dwellings.

Persons who registered for the housing scheme and have paid several instalments but who have withdrawn or failed to continue with the negotiations, now have the opportunity of re-registering and of joining the list of applicants for Stage B of the project.

TEACHERS WANTED FOR ARAB SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Education and Culture wishes to announce that applications are invited for teaching posts in Arab Secondary Schools in villages in various parts of the country.

Candidates must have higher education. Knowledge of Arabic is essential for teaching certain subjects but is not a condition for all subjects. Applications should be addressed to the Department for Arab Education, Ministry of Education and Culture, Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

at 7 & 9 p.m.

ARNON: Teresa.
EDEN: La Forza Del Destino.
EDISON: Sons of the Musketeers.
HAZAMIR: The Blue Veil.
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Na'anya	38	22	30	30
Hakirya	34	20	31	31
Tel Aviv Port	87	23	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lydda Airport	48	19	32	32
Jerusalem	29	17	28	28
Beersheba	47	17	33	32
Eilat	34	26	39	38

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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FOR REVILING the State of Israel and several policemen while under the influence of alcohol in Tel Aviv last month, Yosef Menahem, 35, of Ra'anana was sent to prison for a fortnight by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

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A BOY of 16, Zalman Melamed, was robbed of IL.130-worth of goods and a sum of money by five unknown men he believes to have been Arabs, on the road from Kfar Haro'eh to the Haifa highway on Sunday night.

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A IL-75 FINE was imposed by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday on Ya'acov Green, 46, of Kfar Salame when police found 1.8 grams of hashish in his possession during his detention on another charge last month.

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FOR SHOWING the film "The Black Hand," without the necessary permit recently, Avraham Wexelbaum and Gershon Shatz, owners of the "Shalhevet" cinema in Kfar Salame, near Tel Aviv, were fined IL.25 each, with the alternative of five days in prison, by a Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday.

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THE PUBLIC IS requested by the Post Office Department to expedite the mailing of New Year greeting cards to ease the heavy holiday load and guarantee early delivery.

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ANY INFORMATION relating to the drowning of two boys and two girls off the Herzlia coast on August 6 should be sent to the Government Commission appointed to investigate the incident, care of the Ministry of Interior in Jerusalem or the Tel Aviv office of the Ministry, Rehov Ahad Ha'am.

Popular Housing: 2nd Price List

The Popular Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour yesterday announced that all candidates for the Popular Housing Scheme will this month receive further information concerning prices and signing of contracts.

The Department also announced that all persons who made partial payment in the Scheme and failed to complete it, will be able to renew their registration for Grade 2 flats.

The prices for flats in the Popular Housing Scheme in the Haifa and other areas were announced yesterday as follows, with cash payments in brackets:

KIRYAT BIALIK: Rassco, IL.5,300; (2,600).
MT. CARMEL: Rassco, IL.5,600; (2,900).
KIRYAT HAIM: Shikun, IL.5,300; (2,600), enlarged flat, IL.5,450; (2,750).
KIRYAT REMEZ: Shikun, IL.5,450; (2,750).
TEL AMAL (HALISSA): Shikun, IL.5,450; (2,750).
NAVE SHA'ANAN: Shikun IL.5,600; (2,900).
WEST HAIFA: Shikun, IL.5,700; (3,000).
ALLENBY ROAD: Shikun, IL.5,700; (3,000).
U.N. AVENUE: Shikun, IL.6,500; (3,800).
Other Districts:
ACRE Shikun, IL.5,300; (2,400)
AFFULA: Shikun, IL.5 (2,400).
RAMLE: Neve Oved, IL.5,350; (2,650).
NATANYA, Shechunat Ephraim: Neve Oved, IL.5,250; (2,650).
BET YITZHAK: Neve Oved, IL.5,450; (2,850).
KFAR ATA: Shikun, IL.5,400; (2,600).
NAHARIYA: Shikun, IL.5,400; (2,600).
SAFAD: Shikun, IL.5,400; (2,600).
HADERA: Neve Oved, IL.5,450; (2,850).
PETAH TIKVA, Neve Oz: Neve Oved, IL.5,450; (2,850).
PETAH TIKVA, Hafetz Haim: Neve Oved, IL.4,500; (2,850).
REHOVOT: Mishkenot, IL.5,450; (2,850).
KIRYAT AMAL: Shikun, IL.5,500; (2,700).
TIBERIAS: Shikun, IL.5,500; (2,700).
ATLIT: Chikun, IL.5,600; (2,800).

Jewish Youth Need Israel, Sharett Tells Summer Courses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Israel needs you, but you need Israel infinitely more," declared Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to the 600 students and youth leaders from overseas who crowded with ebullient enthusiasm into the Bet Hakerem Secondary School yesterday for their final rally in Jerusalem.

Mr. Sharett warned the young people not to contemplate immigration unless they craved to find self-expression here.

Envisaging a "world-wide fraternity" of Jewries in the Diaspora united by and centred on Israel, Mr. Sharett said that fortunately two-thirds of Jewry lived in the free democracies, and could forge bonds with Israel as they wished.

Against this, he compared the fate of the "tragically isolated two-and-a-half million Jews behind the Iron Curtain," denied the right of group association, and cut off from any contact with their fellow-Jews abroad.

For over an hour the Minister answered questions regarding relations with the Soviet Union, the U.S., and with the Arabs, when the English-speaking students — over half the total — gathered for discussion. Mr. Sharett spoke "off the record."

He was surprised and agitated when he learned that his speech was being recorded and that journalists were making notes. He was not speaking, the Foreign Minister said, in his official capacity.

French, Spanish, and Italian-speaking students held parallel talks with three Foreign Ministry officials.

A representative of each group participating in the rally brought greetings, forming a "symphony of accents," as the Foreign Minister called their surprisingly fluent Hebrew.

A Moroccan girl spoke for the students' camp from French-speaking countries and a Danish girl from the "Shnat Sherut" project. An Argentine boy described the year's course at the Youth Leaders' Institute, and a student from Milan told about the religious youth seminars from Italy.

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Jewish Agency's youth department which organized all these activities, reviewed the progress of youth leadership training, which this year reached a peak with 1,120 participants in work-camps based at kibbutzim, and courses ranging from six weeks to 12 months. Over half the young people came here for an intensive combination of sight-seeing, study, and work in a settlement, provided by the Agency Summer Institutes.

The rally closed with a memorial service at Herzl's grave. In the evening the different groups displayed their prowess in folk-dancing, singing, and theatricals, which made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in artistry.

Labour Bureau Satisfied With Efforts for Jobless

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Qualified satisfaction with the results of attempts by the Government and other public bodies to deal with unemployment was expressed by the Central Bureau of General Labour Exchanges here today.

In a series of resolutions passed in the course of two executive meetings last week and published today, the Bureau states that unemployment has been reduced, and that valiant efforts have been made to settle the land.

It calls for special attention to the problem during the holiday period; asks the Government to try to end the cement shortage which affects constructional work, and urges citrus growers to carry out the agreement to provide 400,000 work days during the summer.

New Liners Needed To Save Zim's Trade

HAIFA, Monday. — Zim's maritime passenger service is in danger, if at least one or two modern liners are not acquired within the next three years, Mr. Z. Yehieli, of the Zim management, said here today.

At the moment we could still tell Jews abroad that although our ships are not so comfortable, they are to be replaced by modern vessels soon. However, we cannot expect them to prefer sentiment to comfort forever, and there is a danger of our losing the sea passenger trade.

'Parnassus on Wheels'

HAIFA, Monday. — A "Bookmobile," a bookshop on wheels in the shape of a large delivery van was unloaded from the s.s. Elath this morning. It will be shown at the Conquest of the Desert Exhibition in Jerusalem next month.

The van comes from the Macmillan Company in the U.S. and its despatch to Israel was sponsored by the Steimatzky Agency. After the exhibition the "bookmobile," which is equipped with bookshelves and other paraphernalia of the book trade, will go on a tour of the country, bringing books to readers living in outlying settlements.

YADIN TO RECORD 'PETER AND WOLF'

LYDDA AIRPPORT, Monday.— Mr. Yosef Yadin, the Chamber Theatre actor, left by El Al for London today to record Prokofieff's "Peter and the Wolf" in Hebrew. The work has been recorded in nine languages.

Mr. Yadin said that he would be back within a fortnight to work with U.S. television actress, Mrs. Maria Riva, on an Israel film for which a contract has been signed.

Miss Orna Porat, another Chamber Theatre member, left by the same plane to visit her invalid father in Cologne.

"HONOUR THY TEACHER" is the theme of a J.N.F.-sponsored project in honour of the Jubilee of the Israel Teachers Association. The campaign will open at the Rehavia Gymnasia at 5 p.m. tomorrow, in the presence of the President, Mr. Itzhak Ben-Zvi.

Ashdot Cannery Told to Reopen

TIBERIAS, Monday. — The 40 Tiberias workers of the Ashdot Ya'akov canning plant who have been sitting outside the plant for six days and nights protesting its closure, ended their strike today.

The Labour Council has sent the plant management a demand to restart work within three days, and meanwhile to pay the workers their July wages and to settle a IL.7,000 debt to the Mivtahim Insurance Fund in order to insure the workers.

The Council threatened drastic action if its demands were not met. The workers also demand pay for the period of their enforced idleness.

Work at the 14-year-old plant was halted on July 24 following arguments between the joint owners, Kibbutz Hameuhad and the Ihud Hakvutzot ve'Hakibutzim members of kibbutz Ashdot Ya'akov.

The Mapai management members demanded a closing of the plant for three days of stock-taking (the agricultural year traditionally starts in August). The Mapam members, apparently suspecting that this was a trick to close the plant and edge them out, argued that the stocktaking could be done during work days. They appealed to the Histadrut Agricultural Centre for a ruling. The Centre decided on August 9 that the plant be closed from August 11 for three days to take inventory and to discuss future management. The Mapai members accepted the ruling but the Mapam partners demanded a monetary deposit from them as a guarantee that the plant would be re-opened.

While the two sides argued, the 40 hired workers, who had been made jobless, staged their strike. The closure has done much damage to the kibbutz itself and to the whole of the Emek which supplies vegetables, including tomatoes, for canning there. The plant's exports were also affected.

When kibbutz Ashdot Ya'akov was split up about a year ago, the canning plant was retained under joint management, as neither side could buy out the other from the half-million-pound investment.

The Mapai section received 55% of the shares but Mapam members, who had the greater part in the plant's management, remained in virtual control.

Since then, work has been carried on in an atmosphere of mutual suspicion, and Mapai insistence on a careful stocktaking appears to emanate from their non-confidence in the integrity of their partners.

Popular Loan Draw

The following are the leading numbers successful in yesterday's drawing of the 1950 Popular Loan.

IL.15,000—35998, Series 2. IL.5,000—35998, Series 5. IL.2,000—35998—Series 1, 3, 4. IL.1,000—14080, all series. IL.500—16086 and 44578, all series. IL.250—07368 and 09107, all series.

UNLOADING OF 'ETROG' ENDS

JAFFA PORT, Monday. — Stevedores here completed the unloading of the first Reparations cargo to arrive in the country late tonight. Unusually stringent security measures were taken.

Security precautions, however, will not be relaxed with the arrival of other ships with German goods. The s.s. Haifa is due "within a few days" with over 10,000 tons of German goods aboard.

The first consignment unloaded here was only 1,000 tons, which were taken on in a Belgian port, it was revealed today. Two other ships are at sea bound for Israel.

Lebanese Stop Ship Bound for Israel

HAIFA, Monday. — The small Swedish freighter, s.s. Albatross, was stopped on Saturday by a Lebanese police boat off Tyre — outside the three-mile limit — while she was on her way from Alexandretta to Haifa with transit cargo destined for Scandinavia, her captain reported here yesterday.

The Lebanese police ordered him to put in at the port of Tyre for investigation, because "as had entered Lebanese territorial waters." When he refused, the Tyre Port Police sought instructions from Beirut, but as communication broke down, the Albatross was made to wait until Sunday morning, when she received permission to proceed.

The vessel is owned by the Swedish shipping company Aktiebolaget Svenska. Her captain said that the incident probably arose over the Lebanon's claim that its territorial waters extend eight and not three miles out to sea. He would inform his company and urge a protest through diplomatic channels.

KILLED BY TRUCK

BEERSHEBA, Monday.—Shlomo Rosenfeld, 52, of the local *ma'bara*, was crushed to death by a military vehicle a few minutes after he stepped off a civilian truck on the road to Mishmar Hanegev this morning. The driver was arrested.

Five Badly Hurt

HAIFA. — Five men, including the driver, were badly hurt, when the truck in which they were travelling from Kafr Me'ona (formerly Tarehiha) to Nahariya overturned yesterday.

Four others were slightly hurt. All were taken to the Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Geologist Optimistic On Israel's Oil Resources

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (JTIM). — Within five to ten years from now, Israel will be able to supply about half its local petrol needs, Dr. Walter Fehr, a Swiss geologist who has been in the country at the invitation of the Lapidot Oil Company, told reporters here today before returning home.

Lapidot is to bore a trial well within about four months, Dr. Fehr stated. Only then, when samples of the soil at various levels had been obtained, would it be possible to have an accurate picture of the situation.

He was convinced that the results would be favourable.

Bomb Suspect Claims Police 'Sweet, Rough'

An assertion that the statements he had made to the police had been obtained by promises of lenient treatment alternating with violent threats, was made by Mordecai Freund in the course of a five-hour testimony in the District Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

He said this during the hearings which are to determine the validity of the preliminary statements made by himself and David Blau who are charged with attempting to plant a bomb in the Ministry of Education and Culture building in Jerusalem.

But he also charged that during questioning he had been kicked in the stomach, that he had been threatened that he would "vanish into thin air and no one would be any the wiser," and that, being without food, water and sleep, he was then hardly in possession of his faculties. *(Itim)*

Why the Milk Price Was Not Lowered

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The plan for lowering milk prices by 50 pruta per litre has been postponed indefinitely, according to informed sources in Jerusalem.

Proposed by the Commerce Ministry's Food Division, the price reduction was shelved due mainly to opposition by dairy farmers and marketing agencies.

They plan to bring milk to the consumer at 250-270 pruta per litre after abolition of controls, contemplated for this December.

These groups felt that it would be too much to ask the public then to pay a price increase of 70 pruta. If present prices are maintained, they claim, the increases, if any, will not meet with undue consumer resistance.

Added to this factor, it was learned that milk distributors have been urging a price increase, in order to raise their profit margin, and a price drop now would have been completely opposed to their interests.

More Objections

There were still more objections. The IL.450,000 monthly subsidy necessary to allow the price cut would have hit the Treasury hard.

A senior Ministry of Agriculture official informed *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the increased demand which would follow price lowering would have been impossible to meet, because of the seasonal shortage of milk. This shortage has already occasioned the adding of 15% milk powder to fresh milk in all regions of the country except Tel Aviv, where the addition is ten per cent.

Should present consumption continue, the authorities would be forced to increase the proportion to as much as 25%, which, he indicated, is the maximum technically possible.

Other informed sources pointed out that there was no reason why this difficulty should exist, claiming that higher percentages had been used in the past.

BREAD STOLEN FROM LORRY

Residents of the Hartuv *ma'bara* fell upon a lorry laden with 360 loaves of bread on Sunday night and snatched them all without payment.

On the previous night, a mechanical defect had developed in the local bakery and bread had been unobtainable. Fearing that again they would be left without bread, they made the assault on the lorry as it arrived from Jerusalem. The police have opened an investigation. *(Itim)*

Cypriots To Repay Visit By Israelis

By SHAHE GUEBENLIAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Monday. — The first mass visit by Cypriots to Israel is now being organized here. The Louis Travel Agency, which sponsored the recent week-end visit of Israelis to Cyprus, is organizing the return visit to Haifa.

The tourists will leave aboard the s.s. Negba from Limassol on Thursday evening. They will arrive in Haifa the next morning and tour the city before returning to their ship in the afternoon.

If the trip is successful the agency will plan more.

PERSIA

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demonstrators yesterday.

Fatemi also announced that the Shah's Acting Court Minister, Abolghassan Amini, who had been arrested yesterday in connection with the attempted coup, was transferred to house arrest today after he wrote a letter to Mossadegh and Fatemi swearing he was innocent and blaming the Shah for the entire affair.

The Foreign Minister said that 14 officers, including former Chief of the General Staff, Brigadier Batman Ghilich, had been arrested in connection with the coup as well as another group of Imperial Guard officers.

Meanwhile, Persian troops and police were today searching for Gen. Zahedi after Mossadegh ordered a nation-wide manhunt for his rival claimant to the Premiership. Teheran Radio broadcast instructions to the customs and frontier guards to prevent Zahedi from escaping from the country. He was believed to be hiding in the hills north of the capital.

Tension was relaxing in Teheran today and the curfew was lifted. Squads of troops were seen returning to their barracks, and a platoon of tanks moved back to the base camp along the Shimran-Teheran road.

Shopkeepers in the capital's main streets were cleaning away broken glass left by the anti-Shah demonstrations last night. The Shah's portraits were stoned and at least three photographers' shops were smashed. Avenue Churchill was without a name today — its street sign having been ripped down.

Earlier today young demonstrators smashed a statue of the Shah's father, Reza Pahlevi, in Majlis Square in full view of the police. Another statue of Reza was overturned.

Memorial For 115 Killed in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A memorial service for the 115 victims of Italian air raids on Tel Aviv in September, 1940 and June, 1941 was held at the Nahalat Yitzhak cemetery this morning with the completion of a monument to the dead by the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Chief Rabbi I. Unterman and Mayor Levanon spoke, while families of the bereaved said prayers and recited the *Kaddish*.

It took the Municipality more than 10 years to identify all the victims, and to this day four remain unknown. Families of some could not be found here or abroad.

Lebanese Cabinet Formed by Yaffi

Abdullah Yaffi, who was Lebanese Premier in 1951-52, formed the new eight-man Cabinet in Beirut late Sunday night, ANA reports. He also holds the portfolios of Defence, Interior and Public Information.

The Ministers are mainly Christians, and were former Cabinet members. They are:

Alfred Naccache, Foreign Affairs; Nicolis Salem, Education; Kasem Khalil; Agriculture; Pierre Eddeh, Finance; Rashid Karameh, Finance; Gabriel Mur, Public Works; Bashir Awar, Justice.

Elections were held a month ago.

For the first time in Lebanese history a Member of Parliament sought sanctuary in the Parliament building in Beirut yesterday. Abdullah al Haj managed to evade police, who had been ordered to detain him. He had called upon the public a fortnight ago to refrain from paying income taxes as, he had told them, the present system of assessing the wealth of Lebanese citizens is corrupt and unjust.

False Report Of Shishakly's Death

BEIRUT, Monday (UP). — Reports that President Adib Shishakly was slain by machine-gun fire were today denied by his private secretary who said that it was a case of "false news spreading."

It was stated that tonight Shishakly is to give a dinner party in Damascus for the governors of Syria's Federal Districts.

Earlier, while addressing a graduation ceremony at the Military College of Homs, he appealed for unity "to wipe out the humiliation inflicted on the Arab world as a result of the Palestine tragedy."

Iraq, Syria Discuss Israel 'Aggression'

DAMASCUS, Monday (Reuter). —Iraqi Foreign Minister Tewfik Suweidi arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit during which he is expected to negotiate with Syrian officials on joint measures agreed on by Iraq and Jordan to check "repeated Israel aggression."

Informed circles believe that the Minister will place special emphasis on the transfer of Israel's Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem.

Cables in Brief

DIED. — Lt. Colonel Sir Henry Cox, British Resident in Amman, 1924-30, died yesterday at his home in London.

EXPLOSION. — An explosion, which was felt for miles, late Sunday rocked the Brooklyn Navy Yard and damaged adjacent property.

LOOP-THE-LOOP.—A new Russian book is devoted to Petr Nikalayevich Nesterov, claimed to be the first flyer to loop-the-loop and thus the founder of air acrobatics, Moscow Radio reports.

PARENTHOOD. — More than 150 delegates from 30 countries met in Stockholm yesterday to attend the Fourth International Conference on Planned Parenthood.

Abu Ghosh Suspects Refused Bail

The petition for bail by the four Abu Ghosh villagers charged with throwing grenades into the youth village of Kiryat Yearim, was denied yesterday by the Relieving President of the Jerusalem District Court, Dr. A. Witkon.

Their counsell, Mr. L. Mintz and Mr. Y. Zuri, argued that there was insufficient evidence to justify the detention of the petitioners and that their absence would result in damage to their crops.

The Assistant District Attorney opposed the petition because of the seriousness of the charge, particularly in view of recent offences against the security of the State. *(Itim)*

POLICE PATROL SPIES BURGLARS

PETAH TIKVA, Monday (ITIM). — Two youthful burglars were caught red-handed when, with the help of a key stolen the previous night, they entered the Eden Bar, Ramat Gan, at noon today and stole large quantities of alcoholic drinks and cigarettes.

They were spotted by police patrolling the area at the time. Both confessed to attempted robbery.

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IT is sad news that Prof. Sune Carlson, the U.N. Technical Assistance Coordinator in Israel, is to leave us.

U. N. EXPERTS

Prof. Carlson has been loaned for this work by the Stockholm School of Economics where he holds the chair of business administration. His original term of office was for a year and has already been extended. During this period, Prof. Carlson has been of help to the development of Israel, both by facilitating the visit of U.N. experts to Israel and by enabling Israelis to go abroad on U.N. fellowships to study specific problems. In addition, Prof. Carlson's public addresses in Israel on various occasions show a refreshing frankness coupled with sympathy and wit. They have helped to guide our technicians at a most important moment in the country's rapid development.

There are six U.N. agencies who supply experts and fellowships to Israel. There is the United Nations itself in New York, the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, UNESCO in Paris, the World Health Organization and the International Labour Office in Geneva, and the Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome. Till now, they have sent some sixty experts to Israel, at our request: twenty are still here and twenty more are still due. It is probable that next year a further forty will arrive. They come for periods from two months up to two years. The bulk of the expenditure — their salaries and their travel to Israel and back — is borne by the United Nations: but the expenditure in Israel — about a third of the whole — is borne by our own Exchequer. This form of United Nations assistance, extremely valuable to the country, is not wholly a one way process. Israel experts are being increasingly sent to other countries—such as Mr. Tischby and three others to Ceylon, on salt production.

The U.N. expert, at the beginning, came on a survey mission merely to establish the facts and to give advice to the Government of Israel, which was then supposed to put it into effect. That being no easy matter, in some cases the expert was charged with the further stage of helping to implement his own recommendations. An even more successful technique is that employed by experts — the productivity specialists from the International Labour office, for example, — who stay for a considerable time in Israel teaching their methods to a group of selected technicians who carry on the work after the experts have left.

About a hundred Israelis have gone abroad on fellowships and scholarships of the U.N. and its associated agencies. Another thirty to forty are due to go in the next twelve months. Not all who go justify the expense involved. A few — very few in the case of Israel — are so distracted by the new world around them that they find it hard to concentrate on their mission. But even if sending Israelis abroad on U.N. fellowships is a somewhat wasteful process, it is not a complete loss by far. It is a distinct advantage to let a number of intelligent men and women go abroad each year to see the world.

Whatever the difficulties experienced in sending Israelis abroad on U.N. fellowships, the results so far achieved have been very promising. Most of the returning fellows have brought back a wealth of new ideas with them, many of which are already being put into practice. A new atmosphere is being created in many branches of development — an objective attitude based on experience and reason. This is a great advance on insular obstinacy or enthusiastic amateurishness, both of which are productive of inefficiency and public discontent.

The Optimist Looks Forward

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(The Tempest)

Flight from Yugoslav Collectives

Failure of the "Kolkhoz"

By RICHARD LOWENTHAL

THE strongest factor in creating the impression that the Yugoslav Government was on the retreat from its original aims, and in provoking the consequent loss of authority, was undoubtedly the decree of March 28 this year giving the peasants freedom to leave or dissolve the collective farms. Yet in Yugoslavia—in contrast to later events in Hungary and Eastern Germany—this was not a simple retreat but part of a new and well-thought-out agricultural policy: the Government had convinced itself that the *kolkhos* of the Soviet type had failed as a means of raising agricultural productivity, and was abandoning it — after mapping out an alternative road forward.

A while earlier, in 1951 and 1952, when most of the original collective contracts fell due for renewal after three years, many peasants wanted to leave the collective farms. The first mechanical response of the regime was to suppress the movement by the simple device of threatening the lawyers who filed the peasants' applications. That method succeeded fairly easily: the peasants, glad of the abolition of compulsory deliveries in 1951, and profiting from a mild rise in prices after the drought in 1952, did not try to defy the regime in the *kolkhos* issue. But a second, and more positive response followed: the Yugoslav Communist leaders began to ask themselves why the peasants wanted to leave the collective farms and to re-examine the results of collectivization to date — and came to the conclusion that it was not worth coercing the peasants.

Two Arguments

In every Communist State there are two arguments for collectivization, one secret and one open. The secret argument is that the *kolkhos* peasants are easier to control—particularly for the purpose of enforcing deliveries according to plan. That argument lost its force in Yugoslavia when the Government decided to abolish forced deliveries and rely on the incentives of the market. The open argument is that collective farms are the only way to grow more food efficiently by securing the advantages of large-scale production, while avoiding the growth of a class of capitalist farmers.

To that, there was by 1952 a simple and striking answer: except for a number of wheat farms in the plains, and of vineyards and fruit gardens in the coastal regions, the collective farms had failed to improve productivity.

In the view of leading Yugoslav Communists, the main factor was the traditional over-population of the Yugoslav countryside: the *kolkhos* members had above all been anxious to keep themselves and their families employed, and so stubbornly resisted mechanization. "We naively thought it would be enough to push tractors into farms," one leading Government member said to me, "but we found that often they simply were not used—either not properly maintained, or even locked up from the start."

'Key Projects'

The growth of Yugoslav industry, concentrated in the first year on a limited number of "key projects," chiefly in the fields of mining and electrification, was too one-sided and uneven to attract much of the surplus labour from agriculture. And during the last year some of the projects were completed and building workers set free, while the currency shortage which followed the drought led to a shortage of raw materials; hence there was unemployment in the manufacturing industries and over-population in the countryside even increased.

Nevertheless, the *kolkhos* might have been forced to increase productivity if they had been under economic pressure to reduce their costs. But while the system of forced deliveries lasted, even the poorest and most backward collective farms enjoyed a guarantee of their subsistence needs; while afterwards they benefited from their monopoly position in a State which had never yet had a chance to build up food reserves. Instead of improving methods in order to cut costs, they simply waited for prices to go up.

Finally, in the new game of exploiting price fluctuations in the free market, the individual farmer proved more flexible than the *kolkhos*—one of the chief reasons why even peasants who had genuinely volunteered for the *kolkhos* for security's sake under the old system were now eager to get out.

In a country so rich in people but so comparatively poor in arable land, mechanization is not the most important and urgent form of agricultural progress: outside the fertile and less overcrowded plains of Vojvodina and Eastern Slavonia, what matters most is not to get the same yield with less labour but to get a higher yield from the same land. But the increase of yields, as well as the equally important improvement of the quality of the produce, depends largely on the care and skill of each peasant—changing the people is here more urgent than changing the system. The institutions which have everywhere proved most favourable for such improvement are free co-operatives of individual farmers, particularly if they are enabled to build up their own processing plants. In most parts of Yugoslavia there had long been a flourishing cooperative movement of this type.

On the basis of this kind of reasoning, the Yugoslav Government decided not simply to abandon the old policy of collectivization, but to replace it by a whole set of coordinated measures for the development of agriculture. The 1953 economic plan provided for a considerable increase in agricultural investments, and the new two-year plan announced in June gives high priority to investments in processing industries as well as other employment-creating industries in the villages, and at the same time puts the necessary funds into the hands of local authorities. Some of these funds are to be handled through the cooperatives as well as through the remaining collective farms.

Food Reserves

Finally—though this has naturally not been publicised in advance—State food reserves will be built up, and price policy directed by their use so as to make the peasant produce more for the goods he needs; the peasants' income tax, too, is at last to be based on a permanent estimate of land values. It will thus be freed of the disincentive effects of arbitrary fixing by local authorities, but will remain an instrument of pressure for forcing the peasant into the market.

Economically, then, the new concerted attack on agricultural backwardness was well thought-out, and promised in the long run as much real progress as the reform of industrial planning begun in 1952. Yet politically, all that counted was the announcement that henceforth the peasants were really free to leave or dissolve the collectives. The moment this was known, the crisis was on. *(OFNS)*

Second article on a recent visit to Yugoslavia.

JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV ART NOTES

End of Season Shows

MAURICE Darbois-Dimenstein, whose exhibition at the Artists' House opened last Thursday under the patronage of the French Consul General M. de la Sablière has, as we learn from the catalogue, been an engineer, an architect, an interior decorator and a designer of posters in his time. The 36 oils in his one-man show convey the impression that these various professional personalities have had a share in moulding Darbois' artistic creations.

A number of French architectural vedutties, painted in a hard semi-primitive manner with strong black contours, may well be the spare-time work of an engineer. His "Night Over Jerusalem" gives the impression of a crude poster and the decorative element is strong in his most successful pictures.

But, even if in the "Bretonnes" the influence of certain famous "Arlesiennes" is undeniable, even if his charming and amusing Israel scenes are reminiscent of Janču and the best of his architectures and "Russian Church in Jerusalem" follows in Utrillo's footsteps, there is a clear pictorial quality in quite a number of Darbois' pictures which justifies the hope that he will some day find a style of his own.

Some of his still-lifes and flower pieces are painted with a dry clarity of statement that is highly decorative. "Jaffa Night" is really good in the rhythmic use of the palm theme. "Spring Song" is, to my taste, the strongest picture in the show. The simple compositions of two persons are charming. I liked "Under the Bridge" best. It has atmosphere. The "Hora" is a fine design for an at long last not heroic fresco.

With satisfaction one notes quite a number of red "sold" signs in Darbois' exhibition. But the posting of the full name of the patron is somewhat provincial. We hope it will not become an accepted custom in Jerusalem.

The "Permanent Exhibition of Jerusalem Artists" has been rearranged. Most of the pictures have already been exhibited, but some are new and surprising. We singled out a "Yemenite" by Ludwig Blum, which is a fine specimen of classic realism, Kurt Singer's charming "Shops", which could grace a modern variant of a Florentine chest, the strong "Portrait" by Sara Slutzkai, an exemplary simplified architectural painting by Lange-Aschheim and a new "Nazareth" by Aschheim. *TA.F.M.*

Pinhas Sha'ar

THE Mikra Studio is closing the season with an unusually stimulating exhibition which brings the paintings of Pinhas Sha'ar (Schwartz) before the public here for the first time. The artist is only in Israel in transit to London where he is to have a show at the "modern" gallery of Gimpel Fils. He lives in Paris where he went in 1949 after having endured internment in ghetto and concentration camp during the war years in Poland.

Nothing of this unhappy period appears in his painting which is infused with gaiety and tender fantasy. He has a child-like humour — loves to make use of toys and dolls in his compositions — reminiscent of Paul Klee and Chagall. He also owes a debt to Picasso and Jankel Adler, but Mr. Sha'ar has absorbed these influences deeply and his work is far from being an imitation of his masters. He is a very accomplished painter; his colour is luminous and vibrant and his brush work delightful.

There is a musical quality about most of the work and it is not surprising that he so often depicts musicians and musical instruments. A painting such as "On the Yellow Vacuum" (sic) is characteristic: here, against a yellow sky a red figure, cradled on the neck of a super-size green donkey, pipes a melody while the beast brays his tune to the sun. In the foreground flowers sprout from green hillocks. This painting is gay, slightly ridiculous and altogether charming. In another, a figure walks a tightrope balancing a wheel of flowers while another youngster looks on admiringly.

Very occasionally, Sha'ar is more "serious" as in his "Totem," a painting of mystery, great textural interest and beauty of colour and in a couple of studies of Jews with their heads shrouded in a prayer shawl. In these the effect is sombre and contemplative. One can only regret that Mr. Sha'ar is to be here so short a time. He would have a great deal to impart to those of our younger artists who are seeking what he has already found.

Moshe Berenstein

AT the Katz Galleries another Polish-Jewish painter, Moshe Berenstein, also with a history of ghetto and concentration camp behind him who settled here in 1948, is holding an exhibition. No two artists could view the world more differently than Sha'ar and Berenstein. The latter, a skilful draughtsman in a somewhat academic manner, emphasizes the "pathetic".

Although the drawings have all been executed here, the subjects have been drawn from ghetto life and nearly all depict the oppressed and the weary. There is little beauty but much feeling. Mr. Berenstein's command of pen and brush is well shown in such studies as Head of an Old Man (blue ink) and a wash drawing of two street-urchins huddled on a pavement.

S.W.

VEGETARIAN VISTA

By GERDA L. COHEN

THE only residents of Jerusalem abroad at 5.30 a.m. were milkmen, Talmudists toddling off to pray, and greengrocers gathering for a war of nerves in the market. The air, deliciously cool, held a perfume of herbs and darkness. Trucks and mule-carts began to rattle down the alley. Boys lithe and gibbering as chimps hurled crates to the men who weighed and prodded the vegetables at the entrance to half a dozen wholesale shops. Mighty trucks from Givat Brenner and Ein Harod — the "cooperative sector" — went to Tnuva, a great barrack nearby. The wholesalers, operating from an alley blocked with towering boxes, glowering porters and heaps of rotten fruit, dealt with the "private sector".

In both places, procedure was similar. The maximum number of greengrocers made a scrum round the auctioneer, sniffing and jabbing at each crate as it came under the hammer. "20 a kilo, 25, 30 — done." In a flash, the next box of imperial purple egg-plant was being pawed by a dozen bidders. Apples took longer: the bidding went up to double the starting price, for apples of almost English size. The moustachioed tyrant who has most of Rehavia under his thumb wondered what I was doing in the market. Another particular foe when it comes to refunding wormy melon, obviously thought I had come from the Food Control.

"Over the Counter"

Actually, I wanted to discover the differences between the prices paid in Mahane Yehuda, and those charged over the counter. According to the Anti-Profiteering Law, retailers may exact "a reasonable profit" about 30%, and wholesalers may take up to 10% commission. In theory, a customer dissatisfied with the price can lodge a complaint with the local food office. In practice, this never happens. Or if it has, the Ministry of Commerce didn't get to hear about it.

Greengrocers, intimated a orawny fellow with a cart of melons, have a shrewd idea of what the customer will stand. "No point taking apples to Talpiot *ma'bara* — they won't buy 'em; but you put a nice apple in the window in Rehavia and watch it disappear — whatever the price." The melon man disliked auctioneers, so his brother, niece, grandma and grandpa picked melons while he hawked them. He was all sympathy for the unfortunate rich, paying more per kilo than their poor neighbours.

What can a housewife do against the greengrocers' "united front?" Audacious indeed is the customer demanding a look at the accounts. My own local menace, fondling the golden plums he'd bought that morning for 30 piastres a kilo, said "Today they're down to 25 piastres, madam." Weak-kneed, I forbore to press the matter, knowing that he would only advise me to patronize another shop. The Ministry of Agriculture would like to see more greengrocers, rivalling the old established, dirty and extortionate little booths found in even a well-to-do neighbourhood. The Greengrocers' Union, however, clings to its kingdom, and recently protested against the granting of licences to new shops and street traders.

Were retailers to compete by under-cutting, there is an obvious limit to the lowering of price and in consequence, to an increase of vegetables bought. Back at Mahane Yehuda, market, the auctioneer lounged with hands in pockets — he couldn't get a reasonable starting price for tomatoes blushing unwanted in their crates. He conferred with the farmer who'd brought them in, and knocked down the starting-price to 60 prutot a kilo (sold over the counter at 180 prutot.) "Next year," said the farmer, "I'll keep off tomatoes and stick to fruit." He was a hard-bitten man with three generations of farming in the Judean hills behind him, and a fine orchard to keep his budget balanced. "Do you expect me to go bankrupt for the sake of cheaper vegetables?"

Rotting Fruit

Last year, egg-plant rotted in the field; this winter, cauliflower went for cattle feed; not long ago, tomatoes were dumped. If the home market is glutted because people won't buy and farmers won't produce without profit, the pundits will counter — export. But the same snags apply: English housewives, no less than ours, think twice about indulging in a tin of banana and orange dessert which is mostly juice. Tinned food must be competitive in price and quality to succeed abroad, and our canners are slowly adjusting themselves to the hard facts.

In 1951, 1% of Israel canned vegetables and fruit (excluding citrus concentrate) was exported — 50 tons in all. Last year, 500 tons were exported, representing 5% of local output, to the value of $300,000. Scandinavia and England took most of this. The remaining 95% may be seen stacked high in every shop: tomato juice, orange slices, apricot and mulberries, the price of which is beyond the reach of most. The Ministry of Commerce contended that tinning so much produce was a precaution against between-season gaps in supply. True enough, were these gaps so long that housewives jumped for the tin-opener. Most of us prefer to buy fresh melon and by-pass the tinned orange; and when the melons and grapes disappear, the citrus harvest will be back on the horizon.

Readers' Letters

KING OF TREES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of July 31 you published a heart-rending lament on the destruction of the "King of Trees" in Katamon.

In a roundabout manner, your correspondent assumes that the tree was uprooted to make room for a *shikun* in that area, and even goes so far as to ask whether it was impossible to plan the *shikun* around that tree.

We therefore take this opportunity of informing him that that eventuality had been taken into account and the space around the tree was in fact earmarked for a public garden.

Our intention, therefore, to spare the "King of Trees" is evident. But, it seems, some boys wanted to make a party in the tree's hollow and made a fire that consumed and destroyed it, to the dismay of the many admirers and the construction engineers.

Yours etc.,
S. COHEN,
Press Officer,
Ministry of Labour

Jerusalem, August 12.

יהד עברי

לכותחילים

וישמר משה לחמיו יתרו חותן מדין ויבא את הצאן

בחן את עצמך! (ג)

ם – שלום. אדוני. אנחנו עולים חדשים. אנו נשים למכונית בשבע שנים. אל מי נריכים אנו לפנות בשבע זה?

– אתם נריכים לפנות בשבע זה אל סר נתן.

– שיחה זאת יושב. בשיחה חדר?

– ושב יושב בחדר מספר שתים. שם נריכים אתם לשלם שאלון.

– זה הכל? אם־כן זה לא קשה.

– אבל אתם נריכים לדעת: שאלון בשבע שכון – זה שוד לא שכון.

ם – שלח מיכן אני ללכת לשולנוע. אני רוצה לראות סרט יפה עם שחקנים מובים.

– הנה בקשה, בבקשה לחכות כאן בשבע. אני הולך לקנות כרטיסים לשבעה הראשונה.

– בשיר שורה אתם רוצים לשבת?

– בשורה שתים.

– אתם נריכים למהר, כי היכון בבר מתחיל.

ן אחרי המלחמה ישבים אנו אמיד בבית־קפה ומדברים על מסרט. בעין שוב יסר לשבת בחוץ. בפנים שם מאוי.

– היכון מנה של ים מעשנות היה באמת מענין.

– היכון הזה אמה רואה את נשיא המדינה, את ראש־הממשלה וכל השרים, את מכרי־הכנסת, את המלכה והמלוני אנשים.

– המציגה היתה יפה. השיר היפה, שם היה הכוכל שבר אחר השר־הפרטל מנהדר מצד שני, מהשיחה המוזר היתה המציגה כלבה.

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